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SUBJECT: REINFORCED NATO COUNCIL MEETING

1. FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL HAS INFORMED THE
AMBASSADOR THAT THE MAJOR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THE
MARCH 3 DINNER OF THE EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS WAS THE
REINFORCED NATO COUNCIL MEETING PLANNED FOR MARCH 14.
VAN WELL SAID HE AND THE OTHER POL DIRECTORS DID THEIR
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BEST TO PURSUADE PUAUX THAT THE REINFORCED COUNCIL

CONCEPT WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO ALLIED CONSULTATIONS AND WOULD NOT UNDERMINE THE GROWTH OF EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS. IN PARTICULAR, SUCH MEETINGS WOULD BRING CAPITALS (I.E., POL DIRECTORS) MORE INTO THE WORK OF NATO WHILE NOT DETRACTING FROM THE ROLE OF NATO PERM REPS. AS OF MARCH 5, VAN WELL SAID PUAUX DID NOT EXPECT TO ATTEND, BUT THE GERMANS ARE STILL WORKING ON THE FRENCH.

2. VAN WELL SAID HE HAD CONTENDED THAT REINFORCED COUNCIL SESSIONS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL WHEN IMPORTANT POLITICAL DECISIONS WERE IMPENDING. AT PRESENT, THE CSCE IS MOVING TOWARD THE DEFINITIVE DRAFTING PHASE AND THE SOVIETS ARE SEEKING IN VIENNA MBFR NEGOTIATIONS TO BLUR THE WESTERN TWO-PHASE CONCEPT AND FOCUS INSTEAD ON THE BUNDESWEHR. VAN WELL SAID AN IMPORTANT TIME OF DECISION IS ALSO AT HAND IN THE ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP. FOR THESE REASONS VAN WELL HAD URGED THAT THE FIRST REINFORCED COUNCIL MEETING SHOULD FOCUS ON MULTILATERAL DETENTE WITH THE EAST AND THE U.S./EUROPEAN RELATIONSHIP.

3. VAN WELL SAID THE EUROPEAN/AMERICAN AND THE EC-9/NATO-15 RELATIONSHIPS HAD BEEN THE CENTRAL POINT OF STATE SECRETARY FRANK'S DISCUSSION WITH SYG LUNS IN BONN. DETAILS BEING REPORTED BY SEPTTEL.
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